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Moyers
Ball
8/5/65, 11:15 A.M.

Ball said that Reston had come in to see him yesterday. He had a thesis which Ball tried to dispell--at least partially. Ball thought Moyers might want to talk to him further.

The line was, was it not after all pretty well decided about V-N before McNamara went out to VN and his going was just window dressing. Ball told Reston that since the Cuban crisis he had never experienced such a thorough going over of every detail, every possibility, every idea and point of view. The President gave complete hearing to every point--dissent as well as agreement and in generall all felt it had been a complete search and therewas total agreement in the program. The President understood every nuance of what the decision meant. Ball thought he had made some impression on Reston.

(Moyers had to go off--President was calling him.)

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